The Institute for Autism (IAS) and the Informed Consent Action Network (ICAN) sent a FOIA request to the CDC asking for copies of the medical studies that prove that the Hep B, HIB, Prevnar, Polio and DTaP vaccines, and the current CDC vaccine schedule from birth to six months, do not cause autism as their website states **"Vaccines do not cause autism."** The CDC ignored their request, so IAS and ICAN took them to Federal Court and won the case, thereby forcing the CDC to hand over the studies.

Although the CDC claims to have "mountains of evidence" to support the statement that vaccines do not cause autism, **they could only find 20 studies** to send to IAS and ICAN.

The first study addressed the MMR vaccine, the second study addressed the MMR and DTaP vaccine, the next seventeen studies addressed the MMR and thimerosal, and the last study addressed the DTaP and DPT vaccines.

Four of the twenty studies were actually reviews of some of the other studies. The second study listed, "Adverse Effects of Vaccines - Evidence and Causality (Institute of Medicine Study, 2012), stated, **"The evidence is inadequate to accept or reject a causal relationship between diptheria toxoid -, tetanus toxoid -, or acellular pertussis-containing vaccines and autism."**

The last study compared children who got a group of vaccines including the (no longer used in America) DPT vaccine (with a high amount of antigens) with children who got a group of vaccines including the DTaP vaccine (with a lesser amount of antigens) and concluded, "It can be argued that ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorders) with regression, in which children usually lose developmental skills during the second year of life, could be related to exposures in infancy, **including vaccines**; however we found no association between exposure to antigens from vaccines during infancy and the development of ASD with regression."

The CDC had no studies to offer addressing Hep B, HIB, Prevnar and Polio vaccines (or the current CDC schedule from birth to six months) and possible autism risk.

Thus, the CDC statement on their website, "Vaccines do not cause autism," is not a factual statement as adequate studies have not been done to come to this conclusion.

Court Document with CDC studies listed (March 2, 2020): <u>https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Stipulation-and-</u> <u>Order-Fully-Executed.pdf?</u> fbclid=IwAR0u8kmy_Kp9TvhsDwJIrClihujK9JkLyOEC4t0AZu4Ia4wexmppT-xOSBI